



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
WEDNESDAY 5:30 P.M. MAY 2, 2007
WALKERTOWN TOWN HALL

BUDGET WORKSHOP

minutes

MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order around 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present and consisted of Mayor Davis, Ralph Landreth, Wayne Hester, Sarah Welch, and Brenda Mabe. Town Clerk Lynn and Manager Bell were in attendance. In the audience were Marilyn Martin and Kristen Johnson.

A very brief summarization of the issues follows:

1. BUDGET ISSUES

- PAVING

- * Streets which should be paved
- * Streets which should not be paved
- * What about Melvin Lane?
- * Fire Department costs
- * COLA Increase? Merit Increase?
 - > Council members
 - > Employees

The budget was thoroughly reviewed with many suggestions and alternatives being discussed. A major topic of discussion was the Fire Department – it is critical that the town hall and Walkertown residents support the fire departments financially and logically. It was suggested that a new line item – “Fireman’s Fund” - be added to the budget and that the town donate a specific amount to this fund for the fire departments’ discretionary use.

A Fourth of July party was mentioned in the “new” park area bordering town hall, with hot dogs, chips, and a drink available. However, after it was determined that area churches normally have a soiree around that time this idea may need to be abandoned.

Paving of roads in Walkertown was a major item of consideration. Leight and Snider need to be re-paved and streets that do not require paving at this particular time include “A” Street, Chapel Street, Pack Road, and that part of Salem road to the east of Leight Street. The manager was advised to get Melvin Lane paved, either by the town or by D.O.T. – whoever the responsibility falls upon. Martin Street culvert should be replaced – not patched – as soon as possible. Sitka, Ola Lane, Jacki Drive, and Chris Lane – use the new “Road

Policy” just adopted by the Town Council and talk to residents of those roads and see if they agree to abide by the policy.

Sidewalks were discussed – with the conclusion to check into putting sidewalks down Main Street on one side from New Street to Depot Street. The manager said Powell Bill funds could be used and the mayor suggested getting grants.

The town needs to divest itself of the water tower and Lynn will put the information on ClerkNet in the event some town – any town – would be interested in taking it down and hauling it away!

2. PROPERTY UPDATES (COSTS, ETC.)

- Refurbish Old Fire Station
- Refurbish Griffith house
 - * Use as Museum?
 - * Use as Meeting Room?

With the purchase of the old Fire Station and the Griffith house, many ideas were discussed for uses and how to fix up each entity. Move the camping trailer from the Griffith house. Bushes and trees need to be trimmed to a manageable level – or cut down. Repairs could cost quite a bit in the beginning to get these buildings upfitted.

3. TOWN HALL UPDATE

- Replace carpet in Conference Room
- Fix up room for Gant employee

Go ahead was given to finish up the Horace Warner Conference Room by purchasing carpet and chairs and conference table.

4. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION ISSUES

We need to get a “game plan” for the intended park located in the town hall area. The manager was urged to apply for recreation grants.

Sarah Welch and Lynn were instructed to send out letters and get the Home Consortium Committee up and running again.

Wayne Hester and Lynn were given the okay to research new banking functions.

Lynn was directed to contact the sports organizations and advise them that we have applications for recreation funds, if any were still interested.

The meeting ended on a positive note at about 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn McKinnie

Town Clerk